

the future that we do, that when we enact something into law that it will be something that all of us can live with. So I would urge your support of the bracket motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, on the bracketing motion.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the bracketing motion. I don't think that this bill is too bad the way it is. We've had a number of bills introduced over the last seven or eight years and some of those were a lot more restrictive than this one. So this bill has been toned down quite a little. I realize that, and I think most of us here do, realize that we have a lot of highly erodable land in Nebraska and we need to address this problem and I think this would be one step to address this. May I remind you that this is permissive. This is permissive legislation. It would...it doesn't mandate that the local NRDs take action but a tool is there if they see the need. I realize too that our federal farm program or federal land program is going quite a ways in trying to correct the problem that we have and so at this time I would just like to see us debate a little more and advance the bill and not bracket it at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on ceasing debate. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Wehrbein, would you care to close on your motion?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I won't but take a minute to this and I'm a little concerned about the number of votes. We may have to go a call of the house, but I just to say that there is enough questions being raised, I believe, that it really won't hurt us to wait another six or nine months to consider this bill in its entirety. We're not in imminent danger of tearing out more grassland, I don't believe, at this time and I just think that there is enough questions that need to be answered, at least studied further that it would